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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE TO THE ANNUAL CONTRACT AUTHORITY FOR THE CONTRACT AIRCRAFT PROGRAM (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR HONORABLE BOARD, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

Authorize an increase of \$350,000 in the current Board-approved annual contract authority from \$2.5 million to \$2.85 million for the Contract Aircraft Program to extend the deployment of fire suppression aircraft.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to increase the current Board-approved annual contract authority for the Contract Aircraft Program from \$2.5 million to \$2.85 million to provide for anticipated expenditures for the SuperScooper Service Agreement.

As you are aware, our Contract Aircraft along with our existing aircraft fleet were heavily utilized during the October 2003 Fire Siege and were highly effective in the Department's firefighting operations. The County continues to experience hazardous fire weather conditions that warrant keeping the two SuperScoopers through February 15, 2004, to provide adequate fire suppression services. The extended deployment will require an additional \$350,000 in contract authority.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal #1 Service Excellence and Goal #4 Fiscal Responsibility.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The current Board-approved annual contract for the total Contract Aircraft Program is \$2.5 million, and will cover deployment of the aircraft through the week of January 18, 2004. We anticipate an additional \$350,000 in total expenditures as a result, the current authority needs to be increased to \$2.85 million.

An appropriation adjustment is not necessary at this time, as the District's 2003-04 Adopted Budget has sufficient appropriation and funding to cover the anticipated \$350,000 increase. There is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The existing SuperScooper Service Agreement is for a five-year term and was approved by your Board on August 21, 2001. The lease is renewed annually on an as-needed basis.

County Counsel approved the existing agreement as to form, and the Chief Administrative Office has reviewed the recommended action.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The SuperScooper Service Agreement was approved as a sole source agreement as the Government of Quebec is the only entity that leases this type of aircraft.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended action will enable the District to continue our efforts to provide fire suppression services to residents of Los Angeles County.

Respectfully submitted,

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

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c: Chief Administrative Officer, Auditor Controller, County Counsel